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Washington, **DC** – Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04), one of 10 original co-sponsors of H.R.4130, released the following statement regarding the legislation introduced by Appropriations Chairman David Obey that seeks to establish a temporary surtax to offset the costs of the Afghanistan war:

"Achieving stability in Afghanistan and Pakistan is a national security priority that directly impacts the safety of our citizens. All additional funding necessary to achieve stability in this region should not be put on America's credit card, but paid for today. In a time of economic crisis, borrowing billions of dollars from China to pay for war in Afghanistan actually undermines our national security. Shared sacrifice means not only committing to fight a war but also committing to pay for it."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.

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